

## QUEER BUSINESS METHODS.

BEREAVED FAMILIES ANNOYED BY IMPUDENT CAVASSERS.

The Results of the Very Lively Competition in the Business of Furnishing Flowers for Funerals—Some Specimen Circulars.

Several weeks ago the young married sister of Mr. F. V. Farrell of 452 West Twenty-first street, died. On the following day notices announcing the funeral were printed in three morning newspapers. Just after breakfast on the day of publication the bell at the house, where the family were gathered about the dead, was pulled, and when the brother was to the door a young man thrust in a piece of pasteboard.

"I am a florist," he said, "and I'd like to have the job of furnishing the flowers for this funeral."

The brother gazed at the intruder in pain, surprise for a time, and then said: "Oh, go away; go away, for God's sake, I can't talk to you now about such business."

The man turned on his heel reluctantly and without an apology, and the brother closed the door. He had got but half way back to the darkened parlor when the bell rang again and another young man slid into the corridor and presented another card and begged to be allowed to prepare mourning flowers. Before the afternoon four of these visitors disturbed the mourners. After they had been successively turned away the postman came with three cards in a bundle. Each of these contained circulars, which invited him to bid for the order for flowers. Later on the postman delivered another letter. The envelope had a black border and contained a single sheet of paper, also with a black border, and printed in black letters. This circular was addressed with the name of the dead girl, and read:

New York, — 1884.

Pardon me for adding this in your hour of grief; but I am bound to tell you that it is a violation of my name to take the liberty of informing you that they are not trustworthy, and have no connection with my house. Very respectfully,

the florist, — and — Bowery.

After the funeral services, and just as the brother was about to leave the house, he heard the noise to the above, a messenger ran up and dropped three envelopes into his lap. They contained more printed circulars soliciting orders for flowers in different parts of the town. When the relatives returned from the burial the brother found still another begging circular, which he had expected. The Rev. Dr. S. D. Burchard would preach, but it was said that he had been kept away by the Rev. Dr. Andrew Shilland, an aged preacher, conducted the services. He read a notice that Dr. Newman was buried in California because he had no relatives to care for him. Leoland Stamford to deliver the funeral oration over the body of his son, who died at sea, and was expected to speak at the service. It was said that he had been kept away by the Rev. Dr. Shilland to officiate in his place.

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of a dead man while the weeping sister was about to close the eyes.

"Who would have thought it possible that he should die so soon?" he said.

"Oh, you know Charley, then?" exclaimed the widow.

"Yes, well. We played billiards together only two weeks ago. Up at the store, just as he was to go to bed, he said one day that if he were to die he wanted me to furnish the flowers."

With this remark he pulled a card from an inner pocket, which a florist's address.

"The trick didn't succeed, however, because the dead man didn't play billiards and didn't work in the store." The indignant sister had the impudent ejected.

DEATH BURCHARD DID NOT PREACH.

Said to Have Been Told that he Could Not Lawfully Appear in Dr. Newman's Pulpit.

The doors of the Madison Avenue Congregational Church, of which the Rev. Dr. John P. Newman is pastor, were thrown open for divine service yesterday morning for the first time since the summer vacation. A congregation of about two hundred persons filled the big auditorium. Small crosses chalked on the sides of most of the pews indicated that those pews were to rent. There were no ushers.

Among those present were representatives of both contesting parties in the church, including Trustees J. H. Seymour, J. R. Birren, and J. Cooley, and Deacons J. P. Foster and H. M. Cummings. The organists and choir were the Rev. Dr. Andrew Shilland, an aged preacher, conducted the services. He read a notice that Dr. Newman was buried in California because he had no relatives to care for him. Leoland Stamford to deliver the funeral oration over the body of his son, who died at sea, and was expected to speak at the service. It was said that he had been kept away by the Rev. Dr. Shilland to officiate in his place.

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## WORKINGMEN'S MOVEMENTS.

The Workers and Coat Operators are Trying to Get Better Pay.

At the Central Labor Union's meeting yesterday the Tin and Sheet Iron Workers Union reported that they have sent around to all employers asking them to agree to pay workers \$2 a day. The greater number of them now pay \$2.50 and \$2.75. The workers are to hold a meeting next Sunday at 90 Forsyth street.

Bricklayers' Union No. 4 reported that their strike is still going on. They have money enough after paying off their idle members, to give the stonecutters some help this week.

Gymnasts at \$1.50 and hours taught \$1. English and German classes at \$1.25 each.

Goodwill makers wanted: good work, \$200 to \$250.

Good for seafarers wanted: \$200 to \$250.

Hand Embroiderers on floss embroidery work given out: bring sample, 143 West 16th st.

Hands on men's scars: work given out in quantity, \$100 to \$150.

Hands for cheap black bows: steady work, \$100 to \$150.

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